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DEAR BERT:
WELL, I HAVE SOME NEWS TO-DAY I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. IT'S ABOUT TEMPORARY DUTY IN THE STATES. I AM NOW ELGIBLE FOR IT, I CAN PUT MY APPLICATION ON THE 17TH OF EACH MONTH. IF I TAKE THE 45 DAY FURLOUGH PLUS ALL TRAVEL TIME, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 4 MONTHS AWAY FROM HERE, I HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR 12 MONTHS MORE SERVICE OVER HERE STARTING WHEN I RETURN. THAT'S WHAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. IF I COULD FIND ANY WAY TO STAY IN THE STATES AFTERWARD I WOULD DO SO.
SO PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN, AND LET ME KNOW WHAT TO DO RIGHT AWAY.

TO-DAY IS SATURDAY, SO TOMORROW, AS IN ALL GARRISON, WE ARE OFF. MONDAY WE START MEETING ALL FORMATIONS BY A BUGLE CALL. WE WILL, HOWEVER, WORK ON OUR NEW AREA UNTIL IT IS FINISHED. PRACTICALLY ALL OF OUR PROGRAM WILL BE SPORTS. WE NOW HAVE BUILT 1 HARDBALL DIAMOND, 3 SOFTBALL DIAMONDS, AND 8 VOLLEYBALL COURTS. I HAVEN'T PLAYED ANY BALL AT ALL SINCE I LEFT HOME, BUT AM REALLY GOING TO WORK HARD AND GET IN CONDITION FOR SOFTBALL, AND TRY TO MAKE OUR BN. TEAM. I ONLY HOPE I CAN STILL HIT THAT SOFTBALL.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR NOW, EXCEPT GEORGE TORE MY HOUSE DOWN TO-DAY, THE LITTLE

MAZIC.

BERT, IF YOU KNOW OF ANYWAY I CAN STAY IN THE STATES, WITH A LITTLE PULL, PLEASE ADVISE ME.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Chuck

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Harold